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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT:MODE - PROPOSAL TO ADD A DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYST
POSITION AT MANILA

1. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE PROMPTED DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS
TO ITS OVERSEAS STAFFING PLAN. REVISED PLAN ENVISAGES
ADDITION OF A NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE ANALYST POSITION TO
THE MANILA OFFICE. CHANGE WOULD BRING DEA AUTHORIZED
STAFFING LEVEL IN THE PHILIPPINES TO 12 AMERICANS, 1
FOREIGN NATIONAL. RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED INCREASE
PREPARED BY DEA FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. THE RECENT FALL OF TWO-THIRDS OF INDOCHINA HAS
RESULTED IN A SEVERE LOSS OF DEA CAPABILITIES TO MONITOR
AND CONTROL THE INCREASING FLOW OF ASIAN NARCOTICS IN THE
ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL MARKET. CONCURRENTLY, THE LOSS OF
SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS FOR NARCOTICS
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ORIGINATING IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE WILL CAUSE TRAFFICKERS

TO SEEK NEW ROUTES FOR MOVING THEIR MERCHANDISE.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MANILA, WITH ITS LARGE ETHNIC CHINESE COMMUNITY, COULD WELL BECOME A MAJOR TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IN THE MONTHS TO COME. AN INCREASED INTELLIGENCE PRESENCE IN MANILA WOULD ENABLE DEA TO ANTICIPATE THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD HELP TO SUPPORT A COLLECTION CAPABILITY AGAINST NEW NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ROUTES AND ORGANIZATIONS. END QUOTE

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENTS CONCERNING DEA PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON POLITICAL RELATIONS, OPERATIONS, OR MISSION'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. KISSINGER

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